



# City of Carlsbad

## Office of the Chief of Police

### ***POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS***

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#### **CHECKPOINT TO BE HELD IN CARLSBAD PUBLIC ASKED TO CALL 911 TO REPORT DRUNK DRIVERS**

Carlsbad Police Department will be holding a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint on Friday night, August 17, in conjunction with the national ***"Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest."*** campaign and the state's ***Report Drunk Driving – Call 911*** program.

This checkpoint is also an annual event that honors CHP Officers Sean Nava and Stephen Linen, both killed in the line of duty by drunk drivers.

The checkpoint will be held on Palomar Airport Road east of El Camino Real in Carlsbad and is funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

This year, law enforcement agencies throughout California are asking for the public's help in spotting drunk drivers by calling 911. Drivers are asked to be prepared to report the location, direction, make, model and license plate of the vehicle to the authorities so police can follow up appropriately.

Utilizing citizens and motorists to alert law enforcement to possible impaired drivers can greatly enhance the efforts of law enforcement officers in apprehending DUI drivers. This outreach should also serve as a deterrent to potential drunk drivers. All drivers should be aware that fellow motorists will have their eyes open, and with more than half of all motorists now using cell phones, those who choose to drive impaired run a much greater risk of being caught.

*Members of the media are invited to "ride along" at the DUI/DL checkpoint Friday night. Contact Lynn Diamond to schedule.*

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## **Spotting & Reporting Drunk Drivers Tip Sheet**

### **REPORT DRUNK DRIVING – Call 911**

1. Call 911 and tell them you wish to report a drunk driver.
2. Give the exact location of the vehicle, including the name of the road or cross streets and the direction they're traveling.
3. Give a complete description of the vehicle, such as make, model, color, license plate number, etc.
4. Describe the manner in which the vehicle is being driven.

### **How to Spot a Drunk Driver**

The following signs can help you detect an impaired driving on the road:

- Turning with a wide radius
- Straddling the center of the road or lane marker
- Appearing to be drunk (i.e., eye fixation, face close to windshield, drinking in the vehicle)
- Almost striking an object or another vehicle
- Weaving or zigzagging across the road
- Driving on surfaces other than a designated roadway
- Swerving or abruptly turning away from a generally straight course
- Turning abruptly or illegally
- Driving slower than 10 mph below the speed limit
- Stopping without cause in a traffic lane
- Stopping inappropriately
- Following others too closely
- Drifting or moving in a straight line at a slight angle to the roadway
- Erratic braking
- Driving into opposing or crossing traffic
- Signaling that is inconsistent with driving actions
- Slow response to traffic signals, including sudden stops and delayed starts
- Driving with headlights off

*Courtesy of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*

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